

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A retention device for securing a recording medium to a rotatable, magnetically
2 susceptible cylinder, the retention device being configured for releasable attachment to the
3 cylinder over the recording medium and comprising a curved surface complementary to a
4 curvature of the cylinder and, associated with the surface, at least one magnetic element.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the retention device comprises a plurality of magnetic
2 elements distributed over the surface.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the magnetic elements are recessed within the device so
2 as not to protrude beyond the surface.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the entire surface is magnetic.
- 1 5. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a removable handle to facilitate application
2 and removal of the retention device.
- 1 6. A method for securing a recording medium to a magnetically susceptible cylinder, the
2 method comprising the steps of:
3 a. providing a retention device comprising a curved surface complementary to a
4 curvature of the cylinder and, associated with the surface, at least one magnetic element;
5 and

6 b. positioning the retention device proximate to the cylinder, attraction of the at least
7 one magnetic element for the cylinder causing the retention device to be magnetically
8 attached to the cylinder so as to secure the recording medium thereto.

1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the retention device comprises a plurality of magnetic
2 elements distributed over the surface.

1 8. The method of claim 6 wherein the magnetic elements are recessed within the device so
2 as not to protrude beyond the surface.

1 9. The method of claim 6 wherein the entire surface is magnetic.

1 10. The method of claim 6 wherein the positioning step is accomplished using at least one
2 handle portion removably associated with the retention device.